

The Church and Politics
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I have a big subject which I have undertaken to ~~x~~ cover this time, and I am anxious to bring the subject to completion. As you will recall, day before yesterday I gave three main points which we going to consider. And the first of those was that the ;matter of politics and govecrnment should never occupy the primary ~~x~~ place in the thoughts and activities of the Christian or of the Christian church. As the result of the discussion, we spent more time on this point yesterday, and there are certain related aspects that will take a little while today. However, some of the material under these aspects is material which woul,d have come under the third point. ~~Thxxxx~~ So we are not as ~~far~~ far behind as we seem. I have, however a great deal of ground to cover this morning. I am going ~~xxx~~ ^{to} try to go as fast as I can. I hope that I won't talk so fast that you ca n't understand me. If that is the case, please raise your right hand, and slow me down. But I have a great deal of ground I want to cover, I have some very important things I want to bring out. I wish we had three or four hours instead of one, to cover the ground that I want to cover.

First, however, I ~~want~~ want to ~~xxxx~~ say a word again about the question of which I began yesterday. The social gospel, the modernist substitute for the Gospel of Christ. Which was so widely preached in ~~xxxxxxxx~~ America 20 or 30 years ago. Has it disappeared today in the face of new movements, and new viewpoints, or is it still the vital central force in the gathering at Evanston, and in the leadership of the World Council? Yesterday morning I read to you from the back of the Ecumencial Review, a summary of a book about the World Council, and showed you the various headings ~~x~~ in the book. Today ~~I~~ have the book. I was fortunate enough to find it yesterday afternoon. The Christian Hope and the Task of the ~~Chzzz~~ Church. It is described here as the source book for the World Council of Churches' Assembly at Evanston/ It is the report by the committee of the World Council on what ~~the~~ task of the church is, to be considered at